

Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services

Pharmacy and Therapeutics Advisory Committee Recommendations

May 15, 2003, Meeting

This chart provides a summary of the recommendations that were made by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Advisory Committee at the May 15, 2003, meeting. Review of the recommendations by the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health Services and final decisions are pending.

	Description of Recommendation	P & T Vote
#1	<p>The Pharmacy and Therapeutic Advisory Committee makes the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Ranitidine tablets are preferred and ranitidine capsules require prior authorization for those recipients over 10 years of age.➤ Place a restriction on fluoxetine 40mg capsules – requiring the use of two fluoxetine 20mg capsules to achieve this dosage.➤ Require the use of fluoxetine 20mg capsules instead of fluoxetine 20mg tablets – fluoxetine 20mg capsules have a Federal Upper Limit in place.➤ Fluoxetine immediate release capsules are preferred. Place a prior authorization on Prozac Weekly with a quantity limit of four units per month.➤ Require the splitting of a 20mg dose of Lexapro to obtain a 10mg dosage.➤ Require the splitting of a 40mg dose of Celexa to obtain a 20mg dosage.➤ Require the splitting of a 100mg dose of Zoloft to obtain a 50mg dosage.➤ Require the splitting of a 20mg dose of Paxil to obtain a 10mg dosage.➤ Further recommend that the Secretary reevaluate the decision as the prices change, and remove tablet splitting from a drug when it no longer becomes financially advantageous to the Cabinet.➤ Require that the pharmacy perform the tablet splitting instead of the recipient.➤ Recommend that the Secretary for Health Services reimburse the pharmacy for splitting tablets for optimal doses of Lexapro, Celexa, Zoloft, and Paxil at 15 cents per tablet.➤ Recommend contacting the board of pharmacy regarding the practice of tablet splitting.	Passed 9 to 0